

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

Claims 1 and 10 are currently being cancelled.

Claims 2, 4-9, 11 and 15 are currently being amended.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment cancels and amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 2-9 and 11-19 are now pending in this application.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter made in the Office Action with respect to claims 2-3, 11-12, 14 and 16-19. By way of this amendment and reply, claim 2 has been amended to place that claim in independent form to include the features of its base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, claim 2, as well as claims 3-9, 13, 14 and 17 (which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 2), are in condition for allowance. Also, claim 11 has been amended to place that claim in independent form to include the features of its base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, claim 11, as well as claims 12, 15, 16, 18 and 19 (which depend either directly or indirectly from claim 11) are in condition for allowance.

Objection to Specification:

On pages 7 and 8 of the Office Action, the specification was objected to because it was lacking section headings. By way of this amendment and reply, the specification has been amended to include appropriate section headings. Also, the Abstract has been amended to conform better to U.S. patent practice.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 5-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,501,463 to Dahley et al.; claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dahley et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,373,502 to Nielson; and claims 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dahley et al. in view of Nielson and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,542,083 to Richley et al. taken with U.S. Patent No. 6,199,048 to Hudetz et al. Due to the cancellation of claim 1 and 10, and due to the changed dependencies of some of the dependent claims under rejection so that each of these claims now depends either directly or indirectly from an allowable claim, these rejections are now moot.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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ABSTRACT

~~ELECTRONIC WHITEBOARD~~

An electronic whiteboard (2) having a data store (6,28) for storing images recorded on the whiteboard, which data store (6,28) has a presence on a network, for example the internet, via a unique network location or URL. In one ~~preferred embodiment~~ implementation, the electronic whiteboard includes a network server for the data store and the server has a unique network location or URL. In a ~~second preferred embodiment~~ another implementation, the data store (6,28) has a presence on the network via a remote server (26) which acts as a gateway from the network to the data store (6,28) and the server has a presence on the network, defined by a unique network location or URL. Thus, an ~~authorised~~ authorized person, in any location and at any time, can access the data store (6,28) of the electronic whiteboard (2) simply by accessing the network and inputting the unique network location or URL associated with the data store (6,28).

~~Figure 1.~~